

## CLAIMS

I claim:

5 1. An anchor raising device comprising:

an anchor connection system connecting an anchor to a watercraft, said system comprising a line connected to said anchor at its first end and to said watercraft at its second end; and

a compressed gas hose; and

10 an inflatable container integrally extending from the anchor connection system so that one outer edge of said inflatable container is integral with the anchor connection system;

wherein said compressed gas hose is pneumatically connected to said inflatable container.

15 2. The anchor raising device of Claim 1 wherein said line and said gas hose are generally parallel and closely adjacent, and the device further comprises a sheath enclosing the line and the gas hose, wherein said gas hose is not attached to said line or said sheath.

3. The anchor raising device of Claim 1 with an apparatus for tightly compacting said device comprising:

20 one or more first hook-and-loop pieces on a front surface of said inflatable container; and  
one or more second hook-and-loop pieces on a back surface of said inflatable container;  
wherein each of said first hook-and-loop pieces cooperates with one or more of said second hook-and-loop pieces to attach to each other when said inflatable container is rolled up to said outer edge to form a generally cylindrical shaped adjacent to the connection system.

25 4. The anchor raising device of Claim 3 where said float will come unrolled when compressed gas enters said inflatable container from the compressed gas hose.

5. The anchor raising device of Claim 1 where said inflatable container comprises:  
an inflatable inner bladder, and  
an outer housing.

5 6. The anchor raising device of Claim 5 wherein:  
there is an interior space between said outer housing and said inner bladder, and  
said outer housing has one or more apertures between said interior space and the exterior  
of said outer housing adapted to allow water to flow out of said interior space through said  
apertures.

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7. An anchor raising device comprising:  
an anchor connection system connecting an anchor to a watercraft, said system  
comprising a line attached to said anchor and said watercraft;  
a gas hose; and  
15 a flexible sheath containing said line and said gas hose;  
an inflatable container attached to said anchor connection system near said anchor,  
wherein said inflatable container securely rolls up to near said anchor connection system;  
wherein the gas hose is pneumatically connected to said inflatable container for inflating  
the inflatable container to lift the anchor at least in part by means of buoyancy of the inflated  
20 container; and  
wherein said inflatable container will remain rolled up until inflated through said gas  
hose.

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8. The anchor raising device of Claim 7, wherein said inflatable container is held in the  
rolled up position with:  
one or more first hook-and-loop pieces on a front surface of said inflatable container; and  
one or more second hook-and-loop pieces on a back surface of said inflatable container;  
wherein each of said first hook-and-loop pieces cooperates with one or more of said  
30 second hook-and-loop pieces to attach to each other when said inflatable container is rolled up to  
near said anchor connection system.

9. The anchor raising device of Claim 7 wherein said gas hose is not attached to said line or said sheath.

10. The anchor raising device of Claim 7 where said inflatable container comprises:  
5 an inflatable inner bladder, and  
an outer housing.

11. The anchor raising device of Claim 10 wherein:  
there is an interior space between said outer housing and said inner bladder, and  
10 said outer housing has one or more apertures between said interior space and the exterior of said outer housing adapted to allow water to flow out of said interior space through said apertures.

12. An anchor raising device comprising:  
15 an anchor connection system connecting an anchor to a watercraft, said system comprising a line connected to said anchor and said watercraft;  
an gas hose, and  
a flexible sheath containing said line and said hose;  
wherein said gas hose is not attached to said line or said sheath; and  
20 an inflatable container attached to said anchor connection system and pneumatically connected to said gas hose so that the inflatable container may be inflated to lift the anchor at least in part by means of buoyancy of the container.

13. The anchor raising device of Claim 12 where said inflatable container comprises:  
25 an inflatable inner bladder, and  
an outer housing.

14. The anchor raising device of Claim 13 wherein:  
there is an interior space between said outer housing and said inner bladder, and  
said outer housing has one or more apertures between said interior space and the exterior  
of said outer housing adapted to allow water to flow out of said interior space through said  
5 apertures.

15. An anchor raising device comprising:  
an anchor connection system connecting an anchor to a watercraft, said system  
comprising a line attached to said anchor at its first end and attached to a boat at its second end;  
10 a compressed gas hose, and  
a flexible sheath containing said line and said compressed gas hose; and  
an inflatable container attached to said anchor connection system and pneumatically  
connected to said compressed hose; and  
one or more openings in said sheath where said line exits and reenters said sheath  
15 forming a loop outside of said sheath, said loop being for connection to the watercraft.

16. The anchor raising device of Claim 15 wherein said gas hose is not attached to said line  
or said sheath.

20 17. The anchor raising device of Claim 15 with an apparatus for tightly compacting said  
device comprising:  
one or more first hook-and-loop pieces on a front surface of said inflatable container; and  
one or more second hook-and-loop pieces on a back surface of said inflatable container;  
wherein each of said first hook-and-loop pieces cooperates with one or more of said  
25 second hook-and-loop pieces to attach to each other when said inflatable container is rolled up to  
the length of said line.

18. The anchor raising device of Claim 17 where said float will come unwrapped when said  
compressed gas enters said inflatable container.

19. The anchor raising device of Claim 15 where said inflatable container comprises:
  - an inflatable inner bladder, and
  - an outer housing.
- 5 20. The anchor raising device of Claim 19 wherein:
  - there is an interior space between said outer housing and said inner bladder, and
  - said outer housing has one or more apertures between said interior space and the exterior of said outer housing adapted to allow water to flow out of said interior space through said apertures.